Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings
of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended)   A method for browsing the Internet
comprising:

transmitting a first user request for content over a
communication link to a voice browser, said voice browser
operating in accordance with a voice-based protocol;

generating a browsing request to a conversion server in
response to said first user request if the content is not
formatted in compliance with said voice-based protocol, said
browsing request identifying a web server corresponding to said
first user request;

retrieving web page information from said web server in
accordance with said browsing request, said web page information
being formatted in accordance with a predefined protocol;

converting, by said conversion server, at least a first
portion of said web page information into a file of converted

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information formatted in compliance with said voice-based
protocol; and

responding to said first user request on the basis of said
file of converted information.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said
browsing request specifies an address of said a conversion
server, said conversion server establishing a communication
channel with said voice browser upon receipt of said browsing
request.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said
retrieving includes issuing a query to said web server in
accordance with said browsing request, said query being
formatted in accordance with a standard Internet protocol.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said
retrieving includes performing a branch traversal process by
retrieving branched content from at least one first level
branched page linked to a root page wherein content from said
root page is included within said first portion of said web page
information.

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5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said branch traversal process includes retrieving additional branched content from at least one second level branched page linked to said at least one first level branched page, said additional branched content being included within a second portion of said web page information.

6. (Original) The method of claim 4 further including

converting said second portion of said web page information into an additional file of converted information formatted in compliance with said voice-based protocol;

receiving at said voice browser a second user request corresponding to said branched content and responding to said second user request on the basis of information relating to said branched content included within said additional file of converted information.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein said first and second user requests are comprised of audio information

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said first user request identifies a first web site formatted inconsistently with a said predefined protocol, said generating

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a browsing request including selecting a second web site

comprising a version of said first web site formatted

consistently with said predefined protocol.

9. (Currently Amended)   A system for browsing the Internet

comprising:

a voice browser operating in accordance with a voice-based

protocol, said voice browser receiving a first user request <u>for</u>

<u>content</u> transmitted over a communication link and generating a

browsing request in response to said first user request <u>if the</u>

<u>content is not formatted in compliance with said voice-based</u>

<u>protocol</u>; and

a conversion server in communication with said voice

browser, said conversion server including

a retrieval module for retrieving web page information

from a destination web site in accordance with said browsing

request, ~~said web page information being formatted in accordance~~

~~with a predefined protocol~~;

a conversion module for converting at least a first

portion of said web page information into a file of converted

information compliant with said voice-based protocol; and

an interface for providing said file of converted

information to said voice browser.

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10. (Original) The system of claim 9 wherein said browsing request specifies an address of said conversion server, said conversion server establishing a communication channel with said voice browser upon receipt of said browsing request.

11. (Original) The system of claim 9 wherein said web page information includes branched content from at least one first level branched page linked to a root page, said retrieval module performing a branch traversal process by retrieving said branched content and content from said root page.

12. (Original) The system of claim 11 wherein said branch traversal process includes retrieving additional branched content from at least one second level branched page linked to said at least one first level branched page, said additional branched content being included within said web page information.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12 wherein a second portion of said web page information is converted into an additional file of converted information formatted in compliance with said voice-based protocol, said voice browser receiving a

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second user request corresponding to said branched content and
responding to said second user request on the basis of
information relating to said branched content included within
said additional file of converted information.

14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9 wherein said
conversion server further includes a database of web sites
formatted in accordance with said <u>voice-based</u> ~~predefined~~
protocol and wherein said browsing request identifies a first
web site formatted inconsistently with said <u>voice-based</u>
~~predefined~~ protocol, said retrieval module selecting said
destination web site from said database wherein said destination
web site comprises a version of said first web site formatted
consistently with said <u>voice-based</u> ~~predefined~~ protocol.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating the
retrieval of information through a voice browser operative in
accordance with a voice-based protocol, said method comprising:

receiving a browsing request from said voice browser <u>if</u>
<u>said information is not formatted in compliance with said voice-</u>
<u>based protocol</u>, said browsing request being issued by said voice
browser in response to a first user request for content;

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retrieving information from a remote information source in

accordance with said browsing request, ~~said information being~~

~~formatted in accordance with a predefined protocol~~; and

converting said information into a file of converted

information compliant with said voice-based protocol.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein

said first user request identifies a first web site formatted

inconsistently with a ~~said~~ predefined protocol, said generating

a browsing request including selecting said remote information

source from a predefined set of protocol compliant web sites

wherein said remote information source comprises a version of

said first web site formatted consistently with said predefined

protocol.

17. (Original) The method of claim 15 further including

providing said file of converted information to said voice

browser using standard Internet protocols.

18. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein said

browsing request identifies a conversion script, said conversion

script executing upon receipt of said browsing request.

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19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 further including maintaining a database of web sites formatted in accordance with said <u>voice-based</u> ~~predefined~~ protocol wherein said browsing request identifies a first web site formatted inconsistently with said <u>voice-based</u> ~~predefined~~ protocol, said method further including selecting said remote information source from said database wherein said remote information source comprises a version of said first web site formatted consistently with said <u>voice-based</u> ~~predefined~~ protocol.

20. (Currently Amended) A method for retrieving content using a voice-based communication system comprising:

transmitting a first user request <u>for content</u> over a communication link to a voice browser, said voice browser operating in accordance with a voice-based protocol;

generating a browsing request <u>to a conversion server</u> in response to said first user request <u>if the content is not formatted in compliance with said voice-based protocol</u>, said browsing request identifying a first remote information source corresponding to said first user request;

retrieving content from said first remote information source in accordance with said browsing request, ~~said content being formatted in accordance with a predefined protocol~~;

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converting, by said conversion server, said content into a file of converted information formatted in compliance with said voice-based protocol; and

responding to said first user request on the basis of said file of converted information.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 wherein said browsing request specifies an address of said ~~a~~ conversion server, said conversion server establishing a communication channel with said voice browser upon receipt of said browsing request.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 wherein said first user request identifies a web site formatted inconsistently with said voice-based ~~predefined~~ protocol, said generating a browsing request including selecting a second web site at ~~as~~ said first remote information source wherein said second web site is formatted consistently with said voice-based ~~predefined~~ protocol.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22 further including:
receiving at said voice browser a second user request corresponding to a second remote information source comprising a

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database formatted inconsistently with said voice-based

protocol,

    retrieving information from said database, and

    converting said information into an additional file of

converted information formatted in compliance with said voice-

based protocol.

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